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**Title: BLADES WITH FUNCTIONAL BALANCE ASYMMETRIES FOR USE WITH ULTRASONIC SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS**

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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action of June 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Listing/Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** None.

**Remarks/Discussion** begin on page 7 of this paper.